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# **Derby Manufacturing UTC**

Proposed Year 9 Intake  
Consultation Briefing Document

## Introduction

Derby Manufacturing UTC (DMUTC) opened in September 2015 for young people aged 14-19 in Derby, Derbyshire and the East Midlands with an interest in Engineering and Sciences. University Technical Colleges (UTCs) are government-funded academies that offer employer-led education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects. Students are able to study technical qualifications alongside GCSEs and A Levels and undertake real-life industry projects with regular employer encounters. DMUTC currently specialises in Engineering and is supported by global industry leaders Rolls-Royce, Toyota Manufacturing UK and Bombardier, together with the University of Derby, Derby College and Derby City Council.

DMUTC is about to join the Sheffield UTC Multi-Academy Trust as part of a renewal of its vision, strategy and operation following Ofsted inspection in May 2018. This will entail a relaunch of DMUTC in November 2019 pending final completion of legal agreements.

The Sheffield UTC Multi-Academy Trust is at the forefront of UTC developments across England, with two UTCs graded Ofsted 'Good'. The first was opened in 2013, one of the first UTCs to open in the country, offering two technical specialisms, Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing and Creative Digital Media. Given the strong recruitment and positive progress of students at this first UTC, a second UTC was opened in Sheffield in September 2016, UTC Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park, offering three additional technical specialisms, Health Sciences, Sports Science and Computing. Further information about UTC Sheffield can be found on the website at: <https://www.utcsheffield.org.uk>. Both Sheffield UTCs offer Year 9 places.

As DMUTC will be joining the Sheffield UTC Multi-Academy Trust a change in admissions policy is proposed to allow Year 9 students to join from September 2020. Current recruitment is into Year 10 and Year 12. This proposal has been supported by the governing body of DMUTC, as well as by the Baker Dearing Trust which oversees and supports all University Technical Colleges.

The primary reasons for proposing that DMUTC should commence to take Year 9 students are set out below:

- Admitting Year 9 students has proven to be successful at the UTCs currently operated by the Sheffield UTC Multi-Academy Trust.
- The majority of secondary schools now start Key Stage 4 delivery in Year 9. Moving students into Year 10 having already completed a year of Key Stage 4 delivery in their previous school can be disruptive.
- Progress can be improved by having the Key Stage 4 students for three years instead of currently two years (only four terms, after an initial settling in period and the reality of when GCSE examinations begin), which in turn will help their outcomes.
- Progress for some students can be accelerated when re-engaged by technical learning and employer encounters at a UTC – so starting earlier in Year 9 is advantageous.
- The new 0-9 GCSE specifications promote three years of study rather than two to improve outcomes for young people.
- The new national Progress 8 measure of student progress is designed to judge schools over a five-year period so this adjustment will help DMUTC to comply.

## **Expected student intake for Year 9 and Published Admission Numbers**

DMUTC currently recruits from the Derby, Derbyshire and East Midlands areas and this would continue to be the case for Year 9 recruitment. As part of relaunching DMUTC in November 2019, the marketing recruitment team from the Sheffield UTC Multi-Academy Trust would adopt the approach that has proved successful for Year 9 recruitment in Sheffield where approximately 100 students or more have been recruited into Year 9 cohorts over a two-year period.

Importantly, DMUTC would not need any additional buildings or capital investment to take a Year 9 cohort as a slight change in each year's planned admission numbers would keep to the maximum capacity of 600 students. This raises the second proposed change – an adjustment to the Published Admission Numbers (PAN) in Year 10 to 120, currently 180, and in Year 12 to 120, currently 150. The proposed change would mean future cohorts would be Year 9: 120, Year 10: 120, Year 11: 120, Year 12:120 and Year 13: 120, taking the overall DMUTC population to its expected capacity each year of 600 students.

For academic year 2020/21, 120 students would be recruited into both Year 9 and Year 10. For academic year 2021/22, 120 students would be recruited into Year 9 only.

## Transition and admission processes for Year 9

The Sheffield UTC Multi-Academy Trust operates very successful recruitment and application procedures, which would be applied to the relaunched DMUTC. These include a number of showcase events, complimented by technical specialism sessions supported by UTC staff, together with partner employers and universities. The combination of events gives parents and young people clear Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) regarding the opportunities when studying the specialisms offered across the UTCs.

A full programme of activities is planned from September through to July in the year prior to entry to Year 9 to ensure students will be fully aware of what the relaunched DMUTC will provide and what they can expect regarding their educational provision. This will ensure students make successful transition with very low numbers of drop out (historical data is strong regarding retention of Year 9 and Year 10 students at Sheffield UTC Multi-Academy Trust). Students and parents will be fully supported, including the opportunity to meet the Principal and the new Executive Principal, as well as the learning support teams and teaching staff, to ensure successful planning for inclusion and accommodation of learning needs. DMUTC has good links with the local authority Admissions and Inclusion/SEND teams and individual feeder schools to support effective transition following an application being made.

Once students have been offered and accepted a place at the relaunched DMUTC, they will be invited to participate in a specifically tailored transition programme that will support students in making the transition to the new ways of working which will be expected of them. While the transition programme will help students to understand just how different the UTC approach is, there will also be a period of induction to ensure that new entrants in Year 9 are afforded the best opportunities for success. This will involve an early assessment of their individual needs, opportunities to work in the specialist areas and an introduction to the team work approach that characterises all learning activity at the UTC.

The main aims of the induction process will be to:

- help provide accurate pre-course advice and guidance to prospective parents, carers and students;
- provide a realistic taste of the curriculum to be studied and styles of curriculum delivery such as employer-led projects;
- ensure parents, carers and students understand the demands of studying at the UTC;
- allow students the opportunity to meet other prospective students and staff prior to starting their course;
- ensure students are aware of the UTC policies and procedures;
- ensure students feel safe and understand how they should access support as required at the UTC;
- ensure all students are fully accommodated to meet their personalised learning needs.

## Specialisms in Year 9

DMUTC currently offers Engineering as a technical specialism. As part of the relaunch of DMUTC an additional specialism will be offered, Life Sciences, supported by employers including the NHS. In Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12, 40 Life Sciences places will be offered alongside 80 Engineering places.

Prior to applying for a place, a prospective Year 9 student will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with each of these specialist areas. Students will need to select a main technical specialism on application to support the Admissions Policy. During their first term, Year 9 students will experience some mixed learning in the two specialisms.

# Your Feedback

A six-week consultation period to collect feedback and discuss the proposal to admit Year 9 students to Derby Manufacturing UTC begins on 9th September 2019 and runs through to 20th October 2019 inclusive.

This is your opportunity to contribute your views and ensure that this new development serves the young people, parents and carers, educational community and employers of the Derby, Derbyshire and East Midlands region. The Trust will look for opportunities to discuss this proposal face to face and will happily accept invitations to meetings.

## How to send us your comments

There are two ways for you to give us your feedback.

1. Go to our website and complete the online survey:  
[www.derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk](http://www.derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk)
2. Complete the survey below and post it to the following address:

**Richie Wheatcroft**  
**Principal**  
**Derby Manufacturing UTC**  
**3 Locomotive Way**  
**Derby**  
**DE24 8PU**

## What will happen to your comments?

All feedback will be analysed and presented to the Department for Education. It will be used as part of the evidence on which the Department will consider whether to accept this proposal by the Trust. A summary of feedback will feature on:  
[www.derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk](http://www.derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk)

Derby Manufacturing UTC will be responsible for personal data given to it in the consultation process, in line with GDPR. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mr Wheatcroft on email: [Richie.Wheatcroft@derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk](mailto:Richie.Wheatcroft@derbymanufacturingutc.co.uk)







**8. How interested are you in attending/sending your child to the UTC in Year 9?**

- Very much     Possibly     Not very much  
 Not at all     Not applicable

**9. If you are an employer, are you interested in being involved with the work of the relaunched UTC?**

- Yes     No     Maybe

**10. Would you like to be kept in touch with the progress of this proposal as it develops?**

- Yes\*     No

\*If you have expressed interest in us contacting you, please provide your details:

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**11. Please use this space to give any further comments you may have on the proposal to admit Year 9 students into Derby Manufacturing UTC:**

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**12. Please use this space to ask any questions you may have regarding the relaunch of Derby Manufacturing UTC as part of Sheffield UTC Multi-Academy Trust:**

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**Thank you for completing these questions.**

**Please return to:** *Richie Wheatcroft, Principal, Derby Manufacturing UTC, 3 Locomotive Way, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8PU*



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